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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

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9 Center for Biological Diversity, et al.,
10 Plaintiffs,
11 v.
12 United States Forest Service, et al.,
13 Defendants.

No. CV-24-00405-TUC-RM

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ORDER

15 On August 19, 2024, Plaintiffs filed a Complaint challenging the United States
16 Forest Service's September 19, 2023 Decision Notice and supporting documentation for
17 the Chiricahua Public Access Project. (Doc. 1.) On October 10, 2024, the parties filed a
18 Motion to Stay Proceedings until January 27, 2025, to allow time for negotiations over an
19 easement for public access that might alter the scope of the Project or Plaintiffs' claims.
20 (Doc. 9.) On January 13, 2025, the parties filed a Joint Motion to Set Deadlines. (Doc.
21 10.) In the Motion, the parties explain that they have decided to proceed with litigation
22 because the timeline for resolution of the negotiations remains unclear. (Doc. 10.) They
23 request that the Court (1) direct Defendants to answer or otherwise respond to Plaintiffs'
24 Complaint on or before February 3, 2025, and (2) require the parties to submit a proposed
25 litigation schedule for the remainder of this case. (*Id.* at 4.)

26 The Court will grant the parties' request to set a deadline for Defendants to answer
27 or otherwise respond to Plaintiffs' Complaint. Once Defendants file their answer or other
28 responsive pleading, the Court will issue an order setting a telephonic scheduling

1 conference. This order will include instructions for the parties to submit a Joint Report
2 with proposed deadlines for managing the remainder of the case.

3 **IT IS ORDERED** that the parties' Joint Motion to Set Deadlines (Doc. 10) is
4 **granted in part** as set forth above. Defendants shall answer or otherwise respond to
5 Plaintiffs' Complaint on or before **February 3, 2025**.

6 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the parties' Joint Motion to Stay (Doc. 9) is
7 **denied** as moot.

8 Dated this 16th day of January, 2025.

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13 Honorable Rosemary Márquez
14 United States District Judge
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